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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 0035

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, BC, RH

SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT AGAINST RHODESIA

REF: USUN 0034

1. UKUN MISOFF HAS JUST RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM LONDON
AND AMBASSADOR RICHARD CONCERNING BOTSWANA WORKING PAPER.
BOTH POINT TO LIKELIHOOD OF BRITISH ABSTENTION ON DRAFT
AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED.

2. LONDON HAS DIFFICULTIES WITH THE SECOND PART OF
OPERATIVE PARA 8, PREFERRING THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO
NAME A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT BOTSWANA.
SIMILARLY, LONDON WANTS PRE-AMBULAR PARA 10 DELETED,
FEARING IT IS TOO OPEN-ENDED. FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD HAVE
TO ABSTIN SHOULD CURRENT OPERATIVE PARA 5 BE RETAINED,
BUT HAS SUGGESTED ALTERNATE LANGUAGE ALONG FOLLOWING
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"CALLS UPON UK AS ADMINISTERING POWER TO TAKE
EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO TRANSFER POWER TO MAJORITY
IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE PEOPLE
OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA TO ENJOY INALIENABLE RIGHT TO
SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY
IN THE REGION."

ALTERNATIVELY, LONDON COULD ACCEPT LANGUAGE INCORPORATING
PART OF ABOVE WHILE PRAISING EFFORTS AT GENEVA.

3. AMBASSADOR RICHARD, COMMENTING IN A SEPARATE
MESSAGE, FEARS THAT OPERATIVE PARAS ONE TO THREE COULD
WELL PROVOKE SMITH INTO FURTHER INTRANSIGENCE AND PROVIDE
EXCUSE FOR HIM NOT BUDGING. RICHARD BELIEVES THAT
HMG SHOULD ABSTAIN ON PRESENT TEXT AND HAS ALREADY
ALERTED BOTSWANA FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE CONCERNING
THIS POSSIBILITY.

4. UK MISOFF TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT MOGWE HAS HAD
CONTACTS WITH RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES AND THAT IN BRITISH
VIEW, SALISBURY WANTS VERY MUCH TO CALM DOWN SITUATION
ON BOTSWANA BORDER.

5. BRITISH HERE ARE SEEING BOTSWANA REPS MORNING JANUARY 7 IN
EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE CHANGES BEFORE AFRICAN GROUP REVIEWS
TEXT AFTERNOON JANUARY 7.
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